

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 4-12, and 15-24 have been allowed in the May 14, 2010 Notice of Allowance. Independent claim 1 has been amended to correct a minor antecedent basis error not related to patentability. Applicants believe that the amended claim 1, and its associated dependent claims, remain allowable, and respectfully request that the amendment to claim 1 be entered, and that the allowance of the claims be maintained.

Applicants also acknowledge with appreciation that previously withdrawn claims 6-11 have been rejoined, since claims 6-11 are now listed as allowed on the Notice of Allowability, and are also listed for renumbering in the "Issue Classification" document available on the USPTO PAIR system. *See* MPEP § 1302.04(h).

If there are any remaining issues that can be addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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